(d) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor and how many employees were effected;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the remaining units are working at substantially low capacities;

(f) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(g) what steps Government have taken to overcome the predicament mentioned in parts (a), (c) and (e) above ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) and (b) The performance of the mini steel industry has been affected for various reasons such as high power tariff and increase in input costs specially due to rise in international scrap prices.

(c) to (f) As per information available, out of 180 commissioned electric are furnace units, 85 units have been lying closed as on date. Besides the reasons stated above, overall recession in the market as well as in many cases financial/labour problems have also been reported as reasons for their closures. Out of 85 closed units, 45 units are lying closed for more than 3 years, 11 units are lying closed since 1991-92, 22 units since 1992-93 and the remaining 7 units have been closed during 1993-94, 18,408 persons have been reportedly affected due to the closures of these units. The remaining units have also been reported to be running at underutilised capacities.

(g) Government have recently constituted an Evaluation Group to examine the problems of mini steel plants and suggest a comprehensive action plan for their development. Besides, import duty on carbon steel melting scrap has now been reduced from 12.5% advalorem to 10% ad valorem.

Prices of DDA flats/plots

1704. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of DDA flats/plots of late have sky rocketed as compared to the figures quoted at the time of registration;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to severe price escalation, out of 8000 flats/allotments made by DDA last year, only about 2000 are believed to have been accepted by the original registrants;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps are being contemplated to contain the abnormal rise in prices of DDA flats/plots so as to enable the original registrants to afford the purchase of plots and flats ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) The DDA has reported that the prices of DDA flats and land plots, as tentatively quoted at the time of registration, have to be revised from time to time because of increase in the cost of acquisition and development of land, escalation in the cost of materials and wages and higher cost of capital.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. In the year 1992-93, 12,673 allotments were made and 5,798 possession letters were issued. In the year 1993-94, 4,873 allotments have been made and 2,346 possession letters have been issued. The acceptance of allotment of flats, interalia, depends on the following :—

(i) whether the allottee gets the allotment in the area/floor of his choice.

(ii) whether the allottee is able to arrange funds towards the cost of flat.

(d) To minimise the increase in the cost of flats and plots, have been taken for more economical land use planning and speedier execution of projects.

Metro Rapid Transport System (MRTS) for Delhi

1705. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Metro Rapid Transport System (MRTS) for Delhi is under the active consideration of the Government NCT of Delhi and the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have so far taken or propose to take in this regard including the allocation of funds, acquisition of land and the time frame by which it is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) to (c) A Feasibility Study was conducted by M/s. Rail India Technical & Economic Services Ltd., in 1989 at the instance of earstwhile Delhi Admn. for the introduction of Mass Rapid Transit System in Delhi. The Study recommended an integrated Multi Model Rapid Transit System for Delhi for a distance of 184.5 Kms. as per the details given below.

1. Underground Metro	27.0 Kms.
2. Surface Rail Corridor	140.0 Kms.
3. Dedicated Busway	17.5 Kms.

The cost of the Project is Rs. 7,500 crores at 1992-93 prices as per details given below :

Item	Estimate cost 92-93 prices
1. Land	832 crores
2. Civil Works	3176 crores
3. Electrical, Signalling and Tele-comm.	1389 crores
4. Rolling stock	1331 crores
5. Project Management	741 crores
TOTAL Rs.	7469 crores

With a view to coordinate the activities relating to the Project and for its speedy implementation a High Power Committee under the Chairmanship of L. G. Delhi and a Steering Committee have been formed.

The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has entrusted RITES to carry out detailed locational survey for MRTS in Delhi which is currently in progress. An allocation of Rs. 646 lakhs has been made in the Budget of NCT of Delhi for MRTS for the current year.

The proposals relating to financial package and institutional mechanisms to implement the Project have been formulated. In view of the huge investment involved, need for securing a considerable amount of land (Govt. & Private) for the MRTS alignment it is not possible to workout a time frame for commencement or completion of the Project at this point of time.

Allotment of DDA flats under various schemes

1706. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the various schemes for the allotment of the DDA flats;

(b) how many registrants have registered so far with the DDA for flats under different schemes;

(c) how many registrants have been allotted flats so far under different schemes; and

(d) by when the waiting lists will be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) The various registration schemes floated by the DDA for allotment of flats and the total number of persons registered under each of them is as per statement enclosed. (*See* below)